

## Reviewer Report

**Title:** Citation needed? Wikipedia bibliometrics during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Reviewer Comments to Author:

I welcome the changes the authors have made - both to the manuscript itself (of which I read the bioRxiv version 5) and to the WikiCitationHistoRy repo - in response to the reviewer comments. I also noticed comments they chose not to address, but as stated before, none of these would be ground for rejection. What I am irritated about is whether the proofreading has actually happened before the current version 5 was posted. For instance, reference 44 seems missing (some others are missing in the bioRxiv version, but I suspect that's not the authors' fault), while lots of linguistic issues in phrases like "to provide a comprehensive bibliometric analyses of english Wikipedia's COVID-19 articles" would still benefit from being addressed.

At this point, I thus recommend that the authors

- (a) update the existing Zenodo repository such that there is some more structure in the way the files are shared
- (b) archive a release of WikiCitationHistoRy on Zenodo

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